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DEPARTMENT PASS WALT EVANS, SENATOR HATFIELD'S OFFICE

FOLLOWING IS PRESS STATEMENT FOF IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BEGIN QUOTE: UNITED STATES SENATOR MARK O. HATFIELD ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WILL OFFICIALLY PROPOSE TO ADD TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE THAT HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION BE ELIMINATED THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE IN ONE DECADE.

THE DELEGATION AFFIRMED THIS GOAL AT ITS MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 6, AS IT DECIDED TO OFFER THIS FIRM OBJECTIVE TO DRAFT RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE. THIS STEP WAS PROPOSED TO THE DELEGATION THAT EVENING BY SENATOR HATFIELD.

SPECIFICALLY, THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL CALL FOR COMMITTEE ONE OF THE CONFERENCE TO ADD THIS COMMITMENT TO DRAFT RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE: QUOTE TO ACCEPT THE OBJECTIVE THAT WITHIN ONE DECADE, NO CHILD WILL GO TO BED HUNGRY, THAT NO FAMILY WILL FEAR FOR ITS NEXT DAY'S BREAD, AND THAT NO HUMAN BEING'S FUTURE AND CAPACITIES WILL BE STUNTED BY MALNUTRITION. END QUOTE.

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SPEECH TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

SENATOR HATFIELD SAID HE WAS DEEPLY ENCOURAGED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND MORAL LEADERSHIP IN SETTING FORTH THIS COMMITMENT TO END HUNGER IN ONE DECADE.

"THE PEACE OF THE WORLD," HE SAID, "CAN ONLY BE SECURED WHEN THE FUNDAMENTAL NEED OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD FOR FOOD IS BEING FULFILLED."

SENATOR MARK O. HATFIELD CHAIRED THE U.S. DELEGATION TO COMMITTEE ONE OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1974.

HE PROPOSED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ABOUT 120 NATIONS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE THAT ALL ACCEPT THE GOAL OF ELIMINATING HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION WITHIN ONE DECADE.

REFERRING TO THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S PLEDGE TO PLACE A MAN ON THE MOON WITHIN A DECADE, THE SENATOR URGED THAT ALL NATIONS MAKE A SPECIFIC TIME COMMITMENT FOR ELIMINATING THE SCOURGE OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION FROM THE GLOBE IN TEN YEARS. END QUOTE.VOLPE

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